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1. On 2 May 1951 an anti-aircraft officer training school will move into the premises of the former Pinnow armored Bereitschaft, which vacated the area in December 1950. The table of organization of the school calls for five companies of 100 officer students each. The school will train anti-aircraft battery commanders.
2. Inspekteur Siegfried Weiss, formerly deputy chief of Abteilung Inspektion of the HVA, has been appointed commander of the school. Rat Boerner, described as former chief of Fachabteilung "B" (Artillery) of the HVA, will head the training section. The training program, drawn up by Kommandeur Goeppfert, who is the present chief of Fachabteilung "B" and who was trained during 1950 in the USSR, follows very closely the Soviet Army model.*
3. By 10 April only the new training staff and a guard unit had moved into the area to be occupied by the school.
4. Beginning 10 May all HVA field units will begin to move into summer camps. The units are to carry out the operation in three installments, sending one third of their number at one time. The first group will be in the summer camps from 10 May to 6 June, the second from 9 June to July, the third from sometime in August to September.
5. The summer training program will emphasize field training, generally in reinforced company strength; the interrelation of the various training branches (e.g. tactics, topography, engineers); and perfecting the tactical collaboration of the various branches of service.
6. The move into the summer camps will be made on foot during the night of 9-10 May, and will be organized as a tactical field problem, in which a reinforced Kommando (equivalent to a battalion) is to make an attack against a hastily fortified position. The march will be made under field conditions: security distance, advance guard point.

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7. The general organization of the summer camps will be entrusted to Chefinspekteur Helmut Borufka. The commanding officers of the Kommandos will be the camp commanders. The camps will be inspected from 10 to 14 May by teams organized and briefed by Chefinspekteur Hans Wulz.
8. Discipline in the camps will be very rigid. No leaves or passes will be granted. Absolutely no intercourse will be permitted with the local civilian population, not even joint cultural or sports events.
9. Fred Oelssner, a member of the SED Politburo, addressed staff officers of the HVA on 24 April 1951. He based his remarks in the main on Lenin's doctrine of the just and unjust war. The only means to prevent a war, he said, is to become so strong that American imperialism will lose the courage to make an attack. Pacifist tendencies must be uprooted. Upon the HVA devolves the decisive task of making the German Democratic Republic strong and capable of defending itself. American propaganda boasts about new weapons were compared by Oelssner to Goebbels's propaganda after the debacle at Stalingrad.
10. There are no indications of an increase in the number of effectives under the HVA in the foreseeable future, nor of any shipments of sizeable quantities of Soviet war material to the HVA. There has been no appreciable increase in the number of effectives in recent weeks.

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